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For: AIR-TIGHT VESSEL EQUIPPED WITH GAS FEEDER...
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Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed June 16, 2004 does not acknowledge the IDSs filed by the Applicant on March 27, 2001 and July 17, 2003. Enclosed are additional copies of the IDSs and the postcards indicating that same was received by the Patent Office. Since the IDSs were previously filed, it is respectfully submitted that no copies of the references are believed necessary.

We respectfully request that you correct your records. We believe there are no fees involved with this correction.

Respectfully requested,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicant hereby attaches U.S. Patent Office Form PTOL-1449, including copies of the prior art references listed therein. This reference is discussed in the specification. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over this reference.

This prior art disclosure statement is being made pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by law and formulated in 37 CFR 1.56(A). No representation is made that the information thus disclosed in fact constitute prior art or that it is the closest prior art, inasmuch as 37 CFR 1.56(A) relies on a materiality concept which depends on subjectivity.

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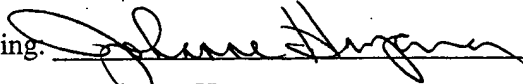
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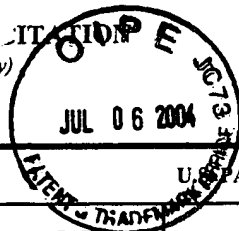
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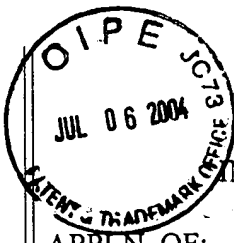
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PETITION

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicant hereby attaches U.S. Patent Office form PTO-1449, including copies of the references listed therein. Where available, English language counterparts and/or abstracts are being provided for Examiner's convenience. These references were cited in the Japanese Office Action dated May 20, 2003 of the underlying Japanese patent application. Enclosed is a copy of the Japanese Office Action, together with an English translation of the relevant portions thereof. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure statement is being made pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by law and formulated in 37 CFR 1.56(A). No representation is made that the information thus disclosed in fact constitutes prior art or that it is the closest prior art, inasmuch as 37 CFR 1.56(A) relies on a materiality concept which depends on subjectivity.

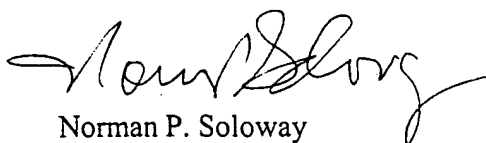
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In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of the country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted therewith.

The enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the Japanese Office Action, as certified in the attached Certification for Information Disclosure Statement. Therefore, we believe there are no fees involved with this Information Disclosure Statement. In the event there are additional fees payable, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e) ACCOMPANYING
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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a statement under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) in the above-identified application.

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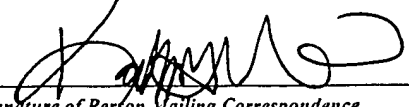

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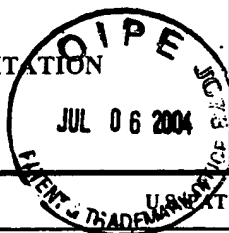

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2. Cover Sheet (2 pgs)
3. Supplemental Prior Art Disclosure Statement (2 pgs)
4. Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e) (1 pg)
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1. Transmittal letter (1 pg)
2. Form PTO-2038
3. Specification (14 pgs); claims (4 pg); Abstract (1 pg)
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4. 5 Sheets of Drawings
5. Assignment/Cover Sheet (3 pgs)
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